

The Georgia Board of Nursing met February 16, 2017 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Blair Train, Consumer Member
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Merry Fort, RN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, MSN, FNP-B
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daugdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Betsy Cohen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Izlar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Train moved, Floyd seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h); 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, February 16, 2017, Izlar declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI170477 – Floyd moved to send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Nurses, Negligence and Malpractice; Risk Advisor for APN's: How to Protect Your License; and, CPC Core Module 1: Airway Management Techniques. Train seconded the motion and it carried with Barton opposing.

RNI161120 – Train moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI1704481 – Lockwood moved to refer to Investigations to obtain patient records and facility investigation report. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170255 – Shilling moved to close the case. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe opposing.

RNI170481 – Rowe moved to refer for a peer review. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170620 – Barton moved to license by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction). Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170589 – Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170619 – Floyd moved to reinstate with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct/Action in Another Jurisdiction). Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170616 – Floyd moved to license by endorsement. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110654/RNI160180 – Train moved to refer for a peer review. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170626 – Lockwood moved to table application pending resolution of investigation. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150528 – Shilling moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension for noncompliance and to deny the renewal. May petition for lifting when compliant with order. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150567 – Train moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol/DUI). Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150364 – Lockwood moved to close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI160098 – Shilling moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and to deny renewal. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI160100 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office and deny the renewal. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150382 – Rowe moved to table pending receipt of additional information. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151068 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If violates, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension for noncompliance. Blalock seconded the motion with Barton opposing.

RNI170203 – Lockwood moved to obtain verification documenting hours worked between August 2012 and January 31, 2013. Must have worked at least 500 hours in a position which required licensure. If unable to document, license with public reprimand with a fine for Unlicensed Practice (February 2013-August 2016) and completion of Board approved reentry program. If submits documentation of active practice between August 2012-January 2013, license with public reprimand with fine for Unlicense Practice. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI160126 – Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a summary suspension. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI160641 – Barton moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office and mail order for mental physical examination via certified mail to address of record. Refer to Investigations to obtain additional information. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI160011 – Lockwood moved to refer to Investigations to obtain additional information. Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI1140397– Shilling moved to deny the request and uphold the previous motion from February 18, 2016. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI160371 – Rowe moved to lift the summary suspension and refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI170142 – Barton moved to rescind the previous motion from December 15, 2016 and license by endorsement. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI130055 – Floyd moved to withdraw the hearing request and refer to the Attorney General's Office for public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), work restrictions and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150260 – Shilling moved to accept the consent order as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150508 – Train moved to continue the hearing pending licensee's compliance with current order. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130568 – Lockwood moved to send a mitigating letter requesting licensee to complete a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing; notify licensee that evidence of the relapse can and may be used at the time licensee petitions for termination of probation and/or in disciplinary hearings should there be further violations; and, notify licensee that the four year probationary period starts again from the date of first negative blood/alcohol screen following the date of the mitigating letter. Must be enrolled in Aftercare. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120746 – Barton moved to accept the consent order as presented. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151113 – Rowe moved to rescind the previous motion from December 15, 2016 and refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient psychosexual mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI160045 – Floyd moved to accept the consent order as presented. Worthy seconded the motion with Fort abstaining.

ORDER TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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Barton moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings.

RNI195835	LPN061918	RNI131709	RN084225	RN208186	RNI118340
RNI150087	RNI101919				

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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Train moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RN208643	Lift narcotics restriction
RN211256	Lift narcotics restriction

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 02/02/2017

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Worthy moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI170381	RNI170321	RNI170497	RNI170584	RNI170482	RNI170510	LPNI160257
RNI170528	RNI170494	RNI170463	RNI170454	LPNI170093	RNI110654	RNI160180
RNI170442	RNI16396	RNI170531	RNI160037	RNI170544	RNI170396	RNI170331
LPNI130199	LPNI150442	RNI100181	RNI170350	RNI170415		

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B 01/26/2017

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Floyd moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI170316	RNI170206	LPNI170091	RNI170336	RNI160011	RNI170304	RNI161201
RNI170181	RNI160451	RNI160559	RNI160232	LPNI150364	RNI170377	RNI170187
RNI170436	LPNI160084	RNI161218	RNI140531	LPNI140138	RNI140545	RNI120234
RNI120712	LPNI160382	RNI130097	RNI160112	RNI160477	LPNI150415	RNI161134

Rowe seconded the motion with Blalock abstaining.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

Izlar provided an update regarding the progress of the Nurse Licensure Compact legislation.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP **President**


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**